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In re Application of:

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For: METHOD OF DETERMINING WEAR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, please insert the following sentence:

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This application is a continuation of copending U.S. application 09/361,632 filed on July 19, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-50.

Please add the following claims:

*a* <sup>2</sup>  
51. A method for determining wear in a machine comprising:

providing a first material of a first color;

providing a second material of a second color;